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SEPARATOR, REACTOR, AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING AROMATIC
CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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 - US 4,562,285 corresponds to JP 53-84932
 - US 5,409,579 corresponds to JP 7-53443
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